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Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

February 3, 2015
10:55 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present
Trustee Jason Biber, excused
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

Les Schneider, Shiawassee County Committeeman

Public Comments

Mr. Schneider explained to the Board of Trustees the reason for missing meetings of the Shiawassee County Veterans Trust Fund Committee.

Open session was closed at 11:31 to review cases.
Board meeting re-opened at 12:03 for the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to approve the Public Minutes, of January 6, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were two personal hearings conducted at the February 3, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 25 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case A-1 (Ingham County) DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,050.96; for rent (\$1,045.00), Comcast (\$310.33), BWL (\$824.13), Consumers (\$177.50) and auto payments (\$694.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-2 (Wayne County) DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,479.98; for rent (\$400.00) and Sleep number bed (\$2,179.98). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation. The applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-3 (Wayne County) DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,185.46; for mortgage (\$1,485.46) and life insurance policy loan (\$700.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-4 (Alpena County) DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,272.87; for rent (\$750.00), electric (\$322.87) and food (\$200.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve and previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RH-5 (Ottawa County) DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new roof (\$5,775.00) because your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating financial emergency.

Case RR-6 (St. Clair County) DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$252.83; for electric (\$71.83), heating gas (\$31.00) and MSHDA repayment (\$150.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve and previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RM-7 (Kalamazoo County) DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental extractions and dentures (\$2,530.00). A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedure because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case A-8 (Ingham County) UNTIMELY

Case RO-9 (Crawford County) APPROVED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for \$1,466.50 for auto repairs.

Case A-10 (Jackson County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for the balance of an installed boiler (\$2,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income.

Case RH-11 (Cass County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new roof (\$8,481.40). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RO-12 (Manistee County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for auto repair (\$2,584.83). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-13 (St. Clair County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a water filter system (\$2,379.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case RR-14 (Shiawassee County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for heat and electric (\$1,947.63). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-15 (Ottawa County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for (\$5,350.00). A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedures because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case A-16 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$5,358.88; for rent (\$2,337.05), auto payment (\$892.51) and 2nd auto payments (\$2,129.32). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency and the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-17 (Oakland County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$1,900.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve and previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-18 (Monroe County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage assistance (\$703.08). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-19 (St. Clair County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$1,940.36; for rent (\$1,632.00) and electric (\$308.36). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency and there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-20 (Oakland County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$10,312.58; for mortgage (\$8,512.58) and water/sewer (\$1,800.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income because sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-21 (Chippewa County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$2,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-22 (Kent County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$2,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a grant is not approved as sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case RO-23 (Macomb County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for an auto purchase (\$4,239.00). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case A-24 (Ingham County)

APPROVED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for \$5,111.35; for 2012 property taxes (\$2,000.00) and 2013 property taxes (\$3,111.35).

Case A-25 (Wayne County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for boiler furnace (\$5,895.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income because sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was **2/25** for **\$6,577.85**. Approved **1/16** Appeals for **(\$5,111.35)**, **0/2** Review/Housing for **(\$0.00)**, **0/1** Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, **0/0** Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, **0/3** Review/Repetitive for **(\$0.00)** and **1/3** Review/Other for **(\$1,466.50)**.

Accounting Report

Trustees discussed the monthly reports received from Treasury.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

A MOTION (Kosal/McBride) to remove Mr. Les Schneider from the Shiawassee County Committee passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Wilson and Trustee Williams will be attending the Legislative Breakfast on February 4, 2015. Trustees Wood will be attending the American Legion Convention.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he attended the VFW Mid-winter conference along with Trustee Williams.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be meeting with the House committee on February 19, 2015 to discuss the Trust Fund.

Good of the Order

Chairman James discussed the personal hearing schedules and the Board meeting schedules.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date